



Amanda Fowler with her latest medal haul. Photo: Swimming Australia

Paralympics dream closer for Amanda

TEEN swimmer Amanda Fowler is closer to her goal of joining the Australian Paralympic team following recent stunning performances at home and overseas.

The 14-year-old from Baxland, west of Sydney, has just returned home from the Third INAS Global Games in Italy with seven gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Just before that she took more medals – and five records – in the National School Swimming Titles.

And just this month the young Wamba Wamba girl took seven more golds at the State Multi-Class Age Trials in Sydney.

Proud mum Kate says

her daughter has now qualified for the Australian Paralympic Trials next March in Adelaide.

While swimming is her sport of choice, Amanda is also talented at athletics, rollerblading, cycling, water polo and soccer, among other sports.

But Kate says her daughter is concentrating on a place at the Paralympics, in London next year.

"She's training hard and now she's been chosen in the Australian Youth Development Squad," she told the Koori Mail. "It's hard work – for her and me – but it's all worth it."

Kate says the intense schedule is a drain on family finances. Those who can help should email KF_111@yahoo.com